

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

## THE MILLENIAL REIGN OF CHRIST

The official A.G. position states this:

**WE BELIEVE... in The Millennial Reign of Christ when Jesus returns with His saints at His second coming and begins His benevolent rule over earth for 1,000 years. This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel and the establishment of universal peace.**

And tonight we cannot possibly even come close to scratching the surface of this topic but I will try to give you a basic understanding on it and maybe just enough of an itch for you to go dig more up yourself on this subject.

Let me read to you the scriptures combined that give us a glimpse of this doctrine:

### Revelation 19:11-21 (KJV)

<sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

<sup>12</sup> His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

<sup>13</sup> And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

<sup>15</sup> And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

<sup>16</sup> And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

<sup>17</sup> And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

<sup>18</sup> That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great.

<sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

<sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

<sup>21</sup> And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

### Revelation 20:1-6 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

<sup>2</sup> And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

<sup>3</sup> And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

<sup>4</sup> And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

<sup>5</sup> But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

So let's break this text down.

[Revelation 19:11](#) begins with heaven opening, telling us that John saw something happening between heaven and earth. **This opening revealed Jesus to the entire world.** We see this time Jesus coming as a Warrior King instead of the Shepherd that He came as the first time, as it says that **He came to judge and make war in verse 11 as well.**

**So let me stop here and give a timeline of where we are in the book of Revelation.**

The rapture of the church has taken place in [Rev 4](#) and the 7 years of the Great Tribulation is coming to a close. The last event of the Tribulation is the great Battle of Armageddon that the world is infatuated with, in which will take but a moment for Christ to bring to a close.

The armies of the world will gather together to attempt to wipe Jerusalem off the map once and for all but Jesus comes as the Savior of Israel and destroys the armies that were gathered with His the words of His mouth.

We, as glorified saints, are seen on white horses standing behind Him, and we see the armies of the Anti-Christ wiped out and the birds called to eat their flesh.

This is the Second Coming of Christ that Jesus spoke of in [Matthew 24-25](#). The whole world will see His entrance and no one will be able to stop it.

**The first thing Jesus does to begin the 1000 year reign is:**

- Anti-Christ's forces are destroyed along with any that took the mark
- The Anti-Christ is cast into the lake of fire
- The False Prophet is cast into the lake of fire
- Satan is cast into the Bottomless Pit in chains for a later date

With the battle over and the enemy removed, **Jesus now sets up His throne** that had been promised all through scripture and many times called "The Throne of David" and He will literally judge the nations for 1000 years.

**This time called the Millennial Reign, which means 1000, is also called in scripture:**

- The Thousand Years
- The Dispensation of the Fullness of Time
- The Day of the Lord
- That Day
- The World or Age to Come
- The Kingdom of Christ and God
- The Times of the Restitution of All Things
- The Consolation of Israel
- The Redemption of Jerusalem

And again, I cannot begin to cover this in one setting, but as you study the Word of God, you will find that this subject is scattered throughout the bible. It takes a lot to connect it all together, but it is all there.

**One interesting thing to note is that Jesus will reign from the temple that Ezekiel saw in a vision and described in [Ezekiel 40-43](#).**

So, until that temple is built in Jerusalem, the Kingdom Age cannot come.

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THE KINGDOM AGE?**

- Jesus will be the King of the world in physical form with His capital being in Jerusalem. This is what the bible means when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord". The entire world that is left of the humans that did not die during the Tribulation will accept Christ as the ruler of the world.
- The Glorified Saints, you and me and all from Adam until the Tribulation and all those that are gathered will be gathered, will rule and reign among the nations of the world.
- There will be a functioning temple
- There will be Priests ministering in that temple
- The sacrifices will be utilized again but not for the purpose of showing the coming Redeemer but in memorial of that Redeemer
- The Feasts will be used again as well
- In fact, scripture says, "all the ordinances of the house of the Lord and all the laws thereof"... These are found in Ezekiel and Isaiah
- There will be 1 world religion where the entire world worships Christ
- Universal peace with no fighting anywhere. I read that the nations of the world spend a combined \$1.75 trillion on weapons and warfare combined yearly
- Fair Financial System
- Fair Justice
- Human life will be prolonged

- Changes to the animal kingdom
- Partial restoration of land with the completion of that to happen during the New Earth

Again these are not in detail, but a brief overview of what will be.

Then comes the end of the 1000 years and I want to read it so you can hear what happens:

#### **Revelation 20:7-10 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,  
<sup>8</sup> And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.  
<sup>9</sup> And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.  
<sup>10</sup> And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The 1000 year reign of Christ ends with a tempting of the human race that was on the earth during that time. And after worshipping Jesus and living in a perfect age, there will be a rebellion brought about by Satan, who is released from the pit.

Now some might ask, "Why do this?"

**The Millennial Age is the final purge of the human race to remove the wickedness from the earth.** All that cast their lot with Satan will take part in the second death.

This group will be made up of people that despised Jesus during the 1000 years. They hated His laws, His rule, His saints, and could not wait for an opportunity to do something. **Keep in mind, that this perfect age is not an age absent of sin but absent of Satan.** So humans are still operating by the sin nature during this time. That is why Jesus is keeping laws and ruling over the people, it is the first time in human history that it is done perfect and righteously.

Fire will devour all those that rebel with Satan and Satan will be cast into the lake of fire and will be tormented day and night.

**So what is the purpose of the Millennial Reign?**

**When you consider all that is being accomplished here, the earth is purged of wickedness forever and Christ will receive His vindication as the Savior of the world. This makes room for the creation of the New Heaven and New Earth where the Glorified Saints and humans that remain will dwell with God forever.**